CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 021_cute_Panda[1].jpg

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Distributor: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted

to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 30 October 2017

Date of direction to issue

a label:

No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 30 October 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

This image file is a photo of explicitly depicted sexual activity between a woman and a person dressed in a not-particularly realistic furry animal suit. It would be unreasonable to conclude that the image tends to promote or support bestiality in terms of s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, which would result in an objectionable classification. However, the image is intended for the sexual arousal and gratification of adults, and a restriction to adults is therefore necessary to limit the risk of injury to the public good from children and teens being prematurely exposed to this material. An age restriction is a reasonable limit on the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 given the risk of injury.